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forming a portion of said track and said sixth surface forming a portion of said product pusher, said fifth surface and said sixth surface being adapted to engage to resist separation of said product pusher from said track.

40. The rack of Claim 39 further comprising a seventh surface and an eighth surface, said seventh surface and said eighth surface being formed separately of said fifth surface and said sixth surface, said seventh surface and said eighth surface being located between said left side of said track and said right side of said track, said seventh surface forming a portion of said track and said eighth surface forming a portion of said product pusher, said seventh surface and said eighth surface being adapted to engage to resist separation of said product pusher from said track.

COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments.

THE ELECTION OF CLAIMS 1-32

Applicant hereby confirms that Group I was elected without traverse for prosecution in this application. Group I comprises Claims 1-32 and 36.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

A Request For Approval of Drawing Changes has been submitted. Applicant would note, for the record, that the drawings were not designated as "Informal Drawings" during the original submission and that the drawings should have undergone a formal review by the Drawing Review Branch. Nevertheless, Applicant will await an indication of allowable subject matter before submitting formal drawings that implement these changes.

As a preliminary matter, due to the number of inconsistencies pointed out by the Examiner and the extent to which the drawings would require revision, Applicant has amended the description of the drawings to indicate that Figures 1-4, 8 and 9 depict one arrangement, Figure 5 depicts an integrated track and divider that can be used with the arrangement of Figures 1-4,

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Figures 6 and 7 depict another arrangement that can be used with the arrangement of Figures 1-4, Figures 8 and 9 depict a further arrangement that can be used with the arrangement of Figures 1-4, and Figure 10 depicts yet another arrangement that can be used with the arrangement of Figures 1-4, 8 and 9. Applicant submits that this change will not add new matter, as all of the matter was present in the drawings as filed, but that this change will address a majority of the Examiner's concerns.

With respect to Figure 1, the extending ribs 94 have been added to the figure to make Figure 1 consistent with the rendering of Figures 2 and 3.

With respect to Figure 5, the lead line extending from the reference numeral 90 has been extended and the arrow head has been removed. Applicant submits, however, that reference numeral 76 is properly shown in the figure.

With respect to Figure 8, the rivet 102 is not shown in Figure 8 because Figure 8 illustrates another form of attaching the spring to the display system in which the spring is attached to the end clip.

With respect to Figures 6-8, the reference numeral 14 has been added to each of these figures for clarity.

With respect to Figure 9, the reference numeral 118 refers to the overall flange construction while the reference numeral 128 refers to the arms that form a portion of the overall flange construction. Accordingly, the two reference numerals, while coincidentally pointing to the same member of the overall flange construction, actually point out different components.

With respect to Figure 10, a divider is not shown in the figure and, therefore, the reference numeral 90 was not used in the figure. Rather, the figure depicts a track 70, which can include an integrated divider 90 in some arrangements, that is snap fit into position. The track 70 was intended, as evidenced by the language on page 9, at line 23, to generically represent both the divider 90 and the track 70, whether integrated or not.

Applicant submits that the drawings now are in compliance with the rules and that the above-description clarifies that matters not altered in the drawings in a manner requested by the Examiner. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

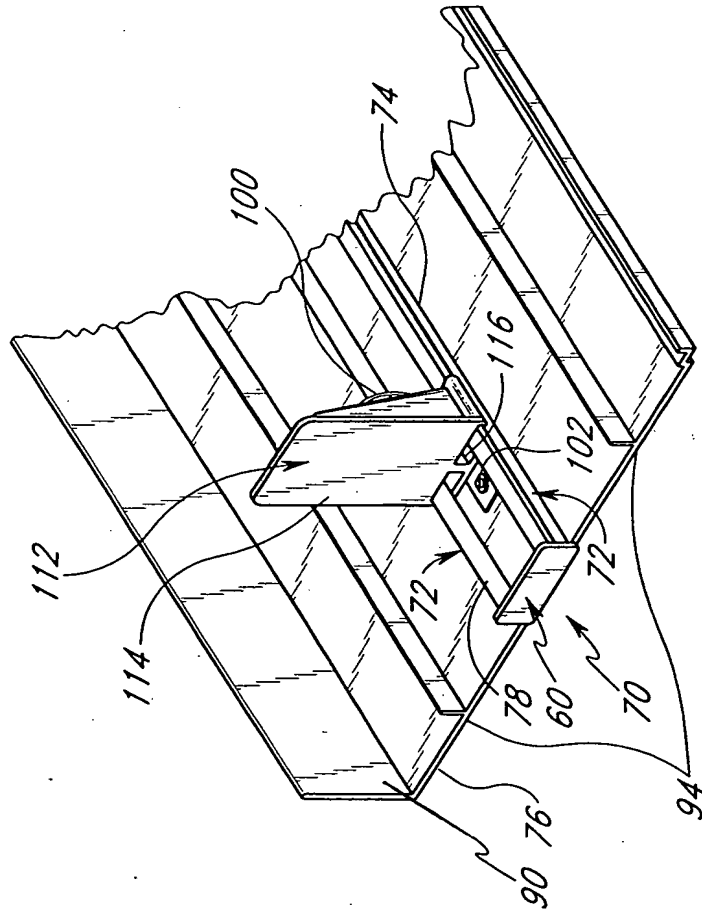


FIG. 5

FIG. 1

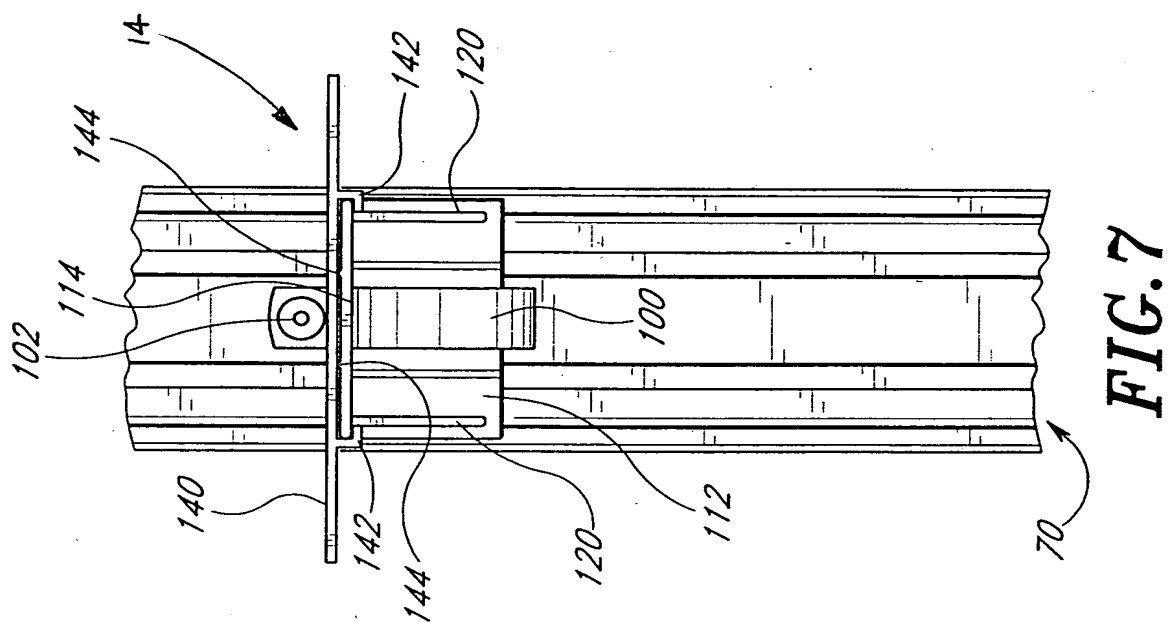


FIG. 7

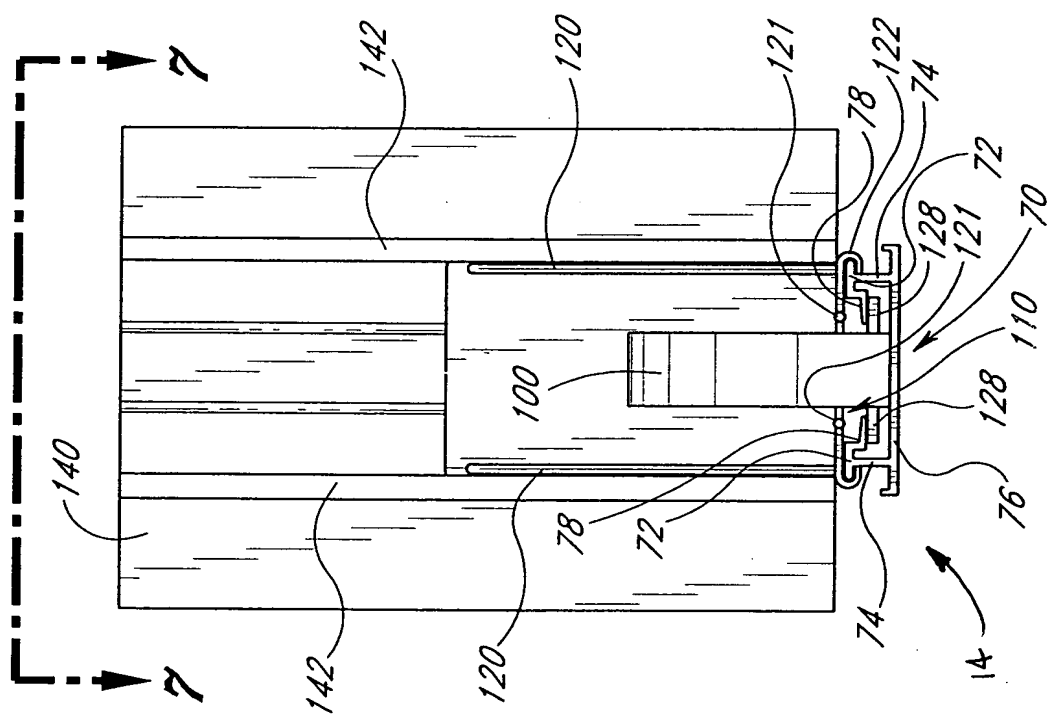


FIG. 6



FIG. 8